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SUBJECT: VICTORIA FALLS INCIDENT

REF: STATE 230037

1. AMBASSADOR PRESENTED WITH FIRST OPPORTUINITY SINCE POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF LAST QUARTER TO RAISE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE EX GRATIA COMPENSATION TO CROTHERS IN DISCUSSION JAN 4 WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA.
 2. CHONA REAFFIRMED GRZ INCLINED FAVORABLY CONSIDER REQUEST FOR EX GRATIA PAYMENT (HE PREFERS THE PHRASE TO COMPENSATION) BUT SAID MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON AMOUNT CLAIMED. NONETHELESS, NOTED PRECEDENT CLEARLY ESTABLISHED WITH GRZ PAYMENT TO FAMILIES OF CANADIAN VICTIMS.
 3. SUGGESTED USG TAKE MATTER UP WITH MOFA CONSISTENT WITH PROCEDRUE FOLLOWED IN CANADIAN CASE. SAID AMOUNT WOULD THEN BE NEGOTIATED.
 4. PRIOR TO FORMAL PRESENTATION OF CLAIM TO GRZ PROPOSE DISCUSSING CASE WITH CANADIAN COLLEAGUE SO AS TO BENEFIT FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE IN PREPARING DRAFT AID MEMOIRE FOR MOFA. WE FEEL IT WOULD BE WHOLLY INAPPROPRIATE AND IN POOR TASTE FOR USG TO TABLE
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A CLAIM DOUBLE AMOUNT ACTUALLY PAID FAMILIES OF DECEASED

ALSO QUESTION BASIS FOR 16,000 DOLLAR EVALUATION FOR SIX MONTHS LOSS OF TIME TO CROTHERS AS WONDER IF THAT IS NOT AN EXTRAORDINARY EARNING IN PREPARATION FOR TRIP RATHER THAN REPRESENTATIVE OF NORMAL INCOME. FINALLY, BELIEVE GRZ WILL REQUIRE PAID RECEIPTS OR OTHER FORMS OF EVIDENCE AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF CROTHERS PREPARED TO COME FORWARD WITH THESE.

5. CHONA LINKED CROTHERS CASE TO SOGHOIAN CASE IN SAYING THESE ARE TWO BILATERAL PROBLEMS WE CAN WORK TO ELIMINATE

AT SAME TIME (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON
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